

## 2002 Ozone Summary for New Hampshire

- The existing health-based standard for ozone in ambient (outdoor) air is **120 parts per billion for a one-hour average**. An area is "exceeding" the standard if any one-hour average measured during the day at an air monitoring station in the area goes above the standard.
- In 1997, EPA revised the ozone standard to **80 parts per billion for an 8-hour average** to provide increased protection from the harmful health effects of ozone beyond that provided by the one-hour standard. As a result of legal challenges and court responses since the new standard was promulgated, full implementation and enforcement of the 8-hour standard has been delayed, as of summer, 2002.
- Regardless of what standard is in effect, New Hampshire continues to monitor ozone levels in ambient air in order to issue health advisories when necessary and determine compliance with the one-hour and future 8-hour standards.

## 1-Hour Ozone Exceedances During 2002 (>120 ppb standard) – Two Days

Site	<u>Date</u>	Concentration (ppb)
Portsmouth	August 13	125
Nashua	August 13	135
Rye	August 14	137
Miller SP	August 14	139
Rochester	August 14	144
Portsmouth	August 14	145

## **Maximum 1-Hour Ozone Concentrations**

Site	<u>Date</u>	Concentration (ppb)
Conway	August 15	96
Laconia	August 14	101
Concord	July 22	110
Manchester	August 13	111
Keene	August 14	112
Haverhill	August 15	113
Brentwood	August 13	118
Claremont	August 14	124
Nashua	August 13	135
Rye	August 14	137
Miller SP	August 14	139
Rochester	August 14	144
Portsmouth	August 14	145

<u>Date</u>	Site(s)	Concentration (ppb)
June 21	Brentwood Portsmouth Rye	87 89 89
June 26	Portsmouth Brentwood Rye Nashua	85 85 87 94
July 2	Rye	89
July 14	Portsmouth Brentwood	85 85
July 22	Rochester Nashua Portsmouth Concord Brentwood Manchester Miller SP	85 88 90 91 91 91
August 11	Portsmouth Brentwood Rochester Miller SP	85 87 90 106
August 12	Laconia Concord Manchester Rye Rochester Portsmouth Miller SP Brentwood Nashua	85 86 88 88 95 100 101 104 109
August 13	Manchester Brentwood Portsmouth Rye Miller SP Nashua	85 98 98 99 107 110
August 14  August 15	Manchester Laconia Concord Brentwood Claremont Haverhill Nashua Keene Portsmouth Rochester Rye Miller SP Concord	89 89 91 93 94 96 98 98 103 105 110 111 85
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	Rochester Brentwood Laconia Conway Miller SP	85 88 90 90 92
August 18	Brentwood Rochester	86 93
September 9	Rye	86
September 14	Claremont Miller SP	86 90

## **Maximum 8-Hour Ozone Concentrations**

\*Note: All values are unofficial pending full QA/QC evaluation

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